



October 11th, 2018

President: Bob Howard **Treasurer:** Yvonne Adam **Secretary:** Bob Graham
Chief Flying Instructor: Chris Baker **Field Operations:** Scott Boutilier

Call to order: 19:27

Attendees: Yvonne Adam, Scott Boutilier, Bob Graham, Jon Hankins-Meilleur, Bob Howard, Ken Klein, Tom Savage and Rob Wood.

Attendance & Introductions:

Jon Hankins-Meilleur and Rob Wood joined our club tonight, a warm welcome from the club. We hope you enjoy the club field and get in a few flights before the snow flies.

May's Minutes Approved: Scott Boutilier / Tom Savage

Financial Report Approved: Yvonne Adam / Ken Klein

Revenue from XXXXX. Expenses for XXXXXXXX The club bank balance as of September 30th XXXX with XXXXXXXX club members. Going forward a copy of the Financial report will be sent to club members with the minutes.

President's Report:

The club setup a static display at this years Pembroke Airport Fly-in, which was quite popular. Overall attendance was down due to weather and a competing air show.

Bob Howard tried to submit Brian Leahey's nomination for the Drones for Humanity grant, however due to the short time line he was unable to get an endorsement from a member of the FAI.

Bob mentioned that he was unable to attend this years Zone Meeting being held on October 21st., if possible he would like someone else to attend.

Flight Training Report:

No report.

Bob Howard will confirm that Chris Baker is still interested in being the Chief Flying Instructor.

Field Report 2018 flying Season:

Prepared by Scott Boutilier Field Manager

Overall Field Condition :Fair

At the beginning of the flying season we tried to use a compactor to deter the weeds from growing up through the runway that is largely made of Crusher tailings which was put there to prevent the turkeys from digging up the runway. The ground was found to be very well compacted already and the compactor had no effect on the weeds themselves. The idea was hatched that perhaps it would be better to let the field go back to grass and vegetation instead of trying to pluck the weeds it might be better to cut the runway and control the weeds that way. At present; although approximately 90% of the runway is made up of vegetation it is cut and controlled so that there are very few of the taller weeds that used to be a problem as they were hard on wing coverings etc. At this present time approximately 50% of the weeds have died off for the winter. The other improvement over last year was the length the length of the grass at both ends of the runway. I used to cut the approaches progressively higher as you went further from the center of the runway. This was problematic for some aircraft as the taller grass would foul the wheels and cause a hard roll out. Now the grass is cut at the same length as the runway alleviating this problem. There have been some instances of turkeys digging in the area around the runway but they have been minimal and non invasive really. The annual cull will no doubt keep this in check. Also someone on at least one occasion spun his or her tires across the North end of the runway. I surmised that it was not a member of the club nor Mr. Seigel who frequents the field to look for wildlife but in fact another delinquent with a drivers license much the same as the delinquent (s) who burned down the clubhouse. If members have special requests or suggestions I am always open to constructive criticism. There were 12 cuttings carried out on the field this past summer. Logically there were more frequent at the beginning of the year and spaced out more in the latter months as the weather dictated.

Overall condition of the Club Assets at flying field : Fair

The tables, start up tables, and fences are starting to deteriorate quite quickly. As of now the benches are still serviceable but the picnic tables are in a very bad state as well as the start up tables of which maybe three (3) are useable. I am unfamiliar with the number of fliers who used the field this past year but I suspect that if there were not a lot of complaints all was well. The lack of shade continues to be an issue and members are asked to bring some kind of shade with them if they require it. Several times this past year I cut the pathway to the washroom but never made an attempt to go in it truthfully. This is something I will put off until next year. The equipment at the flying site are austere at best but functional. There are no "Bells and Whistles" but I suppose there is no requirement if the field is not being used to its full potential.

Suggested Upgrades

If the membership and of course financial constraints allow I would like to suggest that we dedicate ourselves to holding at least one fundraising / funfly type event next year so that we can do a membership drive and try to bring in new members, old members back, and perhaps gather up the rogue drone fliers in the area. "Paint ball target practice at a flying target" I am open to suggestions.

With such a fundraiser we would be able to generate the funds necessary to replace the broken tables and start up tables. Actually I propose that we refrain from starting aircraft on the tables and instead provide two (2) start up areas at the extreme left and right of the flying positions.

The signage at the site needs to be upgraded, with the advent of 2.4GHz radios one might think that to have a frequency board is redundant however I still have and utilize 72 MHz FM radios. The warning signs as well as the Algonquin sign is showing its age and should be renewed.

I will explore the options for providing a small storage area and shelter at the field so that a small amount of storage space is provided for chairs, push mower etc and a small shaded area that can be used for meetings, a place to cool off on those hot sunny flying days.

By using cull lumber it may be possible to carry out the repairs replacements with a minimum of expenditure.

Old Business:

- Tom Savage was able to sell most of his R/C gear through a company out of Tillsonburg, who advertises in the MAAC magazine.
- No update on Roy Martin's R/C gear, his house is up for sale.

Discussions of Interest:

- Bob Howard brought in a short video from Model Airplane News featuring a 40% Aluminum DHC-2 Beaver. It was enjoyed by all.
- Scott Boutilier mentioned that there was an Estate Sale on Kijiji offering a large number of R/C models.
- Yvonne will cost out expenses and put forth a recommendation for our 2019 dues.
- Actions from the Field Report.
 - Re: Paint Ball target practice, Rob Wood said plans for some cheap flying targets were available from the Flite-test website.
 - Ken Klein volunteered to build a table or two.
 - Re: Membership
 - Scott Boutilier thought that the Petawawa Base Club drive might provide some exposure if we can get added as a member club.
 - Rob Wood suggested a Fun Fly next year and looking into either Garrison Family days or Civic Centre days.
 - Bob Howard said that he would approach Petawawa to get details on upcoming events.

Next Meeting

Tentative, November 7th.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 20:48.